

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF JOINT PLANT COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Expenditure Reforms Commissions (ERC) has recommended the closure of Joint Plant Committee (JPC) two years ago;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not closing JPC even after recommendations of ERC and fully decontrolling the steel industry; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): On the basis of a prima-facie examination, the Ministry of Steel finds that even after decontrol, the core functions of JPC in terms of data collection, analysis and other support to the Ministry still persist and cannot be replicated. It is planned to appropriately downsize and restructure the organisation in order to effectively discharge these core activities.